GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL CLAIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is abnormal delay/carelessness in the disposal of medical claims of retired Government employees;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such medical claims pending in the Ministry/CGHS since 2001 till date; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the early disposal of these claims?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There is no carelessness in the settlement of medical claims of CGHSpensioner beneficiaries. However, during the current financial year, there has been some delay in the settlement of medical reimbursement claims due to paucity of funds.

(c) Medical claims of about 3,000 beneficiaries is pending with the CGHS at present.

(d) Additional funds to the tune of Rs. 24.86 crore have been allocated in the Revised Estimates for the year 2002-2003 for clearing the medical claims of CGHS pensioner beneficiaries.